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#### Instruction

# **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

Public Act 88 112 amends Section 10 19 of the General Statutes by requiring each local board of education to offer during the regular school day planned, ongoing, and systematic instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The Manchester Board of Education recognizes the importance of this instruction and will comply with the statute by offering instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome as described below.

# **Elementary Instruction (Prekindergarten through Grade 6)**

The elementary AIDS curriculum will be divided into three categories based on the developmental levels of children. The categories are:

- 1. Prekindergarten through kindergarten Approximately 3 to 5 years of age
- 2. First grade through third grade Approximately 6 to 8 years of age
- 3. Fourth grade through sixth grade Approximately 9 to 11 years of age

The curriculum for prekindergarten through grade 6 will be based on the material provided in the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, Primary and Elementary Level Curriculum Resource Packet, State Department of Education, dated November 1988.

# **Secondary Instruction (Grades 7 through 12)**

The curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 will draw upon the material provided in the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Curriculum Resource Packet, State Department of Education, dated April 1987.

The AIDS instruction in grades 7 and 8 will be part of the 8th grade health course titled "Focus on Wellness." Students in grades 9 through 12 will receive their AIDS instruction as part of the 10th grade biology course.

### **Exemption From Instruction**

Students will be exempt from instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome upon written request of the parent or guardian in accordance with regulation.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 10 19(c) AIDS EDUCATION Public Act 88 112 An Act Concerning the Study of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in the Public Schools

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